

Edmonton Bulletin.

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General Telegraphic.

CECIL RHODES ILL.
Smallpox in Winnipeg.

Fatal Pittsburg Explosion.

U.S. Capitalists After Kingston Engine Works

No Paper Comines in Canada.—Oh?

Scrip Claims in Manitoba.

Marconi to be Married.

Delaney's Resources Exhausted.

Bill Against the British Government

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.
Gill Rhodes has been stricken with
fever in Egypt.

A well known Winnipeg hotel pro-
prietor has been afflicted with the
small pox.

Men were burned to death by
an explosion of gas in a furnace at
Montreal.

United States capitalists are at-
tempting to secure Kingston locomo-
tive works guaranteeing to employ
500 men.

E. B. Eddy, of Hull, in an interview
states that there is a paper combine in
Canada.

Commissioner McKenna has heard
of and allowed 211 half-breed scrip
claims in Manitoba.

Sign. Marconi, of wireless tele-
graphy fame, and Miss Josephine Hol-
man, of New York, will be married.

An intercepted cipher message se-
nated by the British war office intim-
ates that Gen. Delaney's resources
are almost exhausted.

Iv. Conroy, of Chicago, who for-
merly lived in the Transvaal, has pre-
sented a bill of \$50,000 for damages
against the British government.

Two express trains collided on
the Southern Pacific railway in Cali-
fornia near the uplands. Two per-
sons were killed and several injured.

The Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern
railway application to build a line
was discussed before the railway com-
mittee of the privy council.

King Edward and Sir Thos. Lipton
had a lengthy interview on America's
new laws. The King expressed his
concern for President Roosevelt.

All three-year-old daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. C. McKenna, Rapid City,
received fatal burns while playing
around a fire.

Complaints are made that Stony
Indians are slaughering big game
of Alberta in an unnecessary
manner.

P. H. Clergue, of Soo, denies Sir
John Furness will establish a ship-
building plant at the "Soo."

A fireman at Hamilton, Ont., was
killed in a collision between the hose
wagon and a street car.

The alleged grain robbery case again-
st Samuel Gray, Weyburn, Ass., has
opened in Winnipeg.

Two fire-escapes in Ontario and
Quebec for the house of commons will
be held on Jan. 1st.

The Davidson jury has awarded
\$1000 damages against Selkirk Electric
Light Co.

The tax of one per cent at New York
for loading grain on ships is to be
abolished.

Peter Peterson, a Dryden miner, was
seriously injured by a dynamite ex-
plision.

Kingsford Williams delivered an ad-
dress on German art at a dinner in
Ottawa.

The executive of Dominion alliance
held an important meeting in Winni-
peg.

Frank Brown, who was arrested at
Grand Forks, will be brought back to
B.C. to stand trial for his
murder of a street car.

Registration in Memonie districts
is progressing slowly.

An early session of the Manitoba leg-
islature is anticipated.

The Watson murder trial has opened
at Fort Macleod.

The safe at Eddy's mills, Ontario,
was robbed of \$1500.

Chicago wheat prices remain steady.

Gen. Alger is seriously ill.

Brook Groom, of the Roman Catholic diocese of Athabasca, return-
ed from Eastern Canada on Friday last.

He left for the Landing on Tuesday,

on the way to Lesser Slave lake and
Dease river. He will return in March.

John Chipewyan, accompanied by Rev.
Father Breyton, Bishop elect of the
diocese of Mackenzie, who will be con-
secrated at St. Albert sometime after
Easter.

A concert in aid of Beaver Hills
Methodist Sunday school on the night
of Monday, Dec. 23, will be held in the
Josephine public school house instead of in the Methodist church as
previously announced. The committee
is sparing no pains in providing a first
class programme and entertainment.

THE GOVERNMENT OAT CONTRACT.

In response to a telegram addressed to Prof. Robertson, of the department of agriculture, regarding the oat contract for the British war department the following reply was received:

"OTTAWA, Dec. 19, 1901.
To F. Oliver, M. P.,
Edmonton.

"Department has not received any
order for oats, and, therefore, no delay
in shipment from Alberta from
scarcity cars and other causes, depart-
ment will accept oats as specified in
agreements at thirty cents f. o. b. ship-
ping from rail head or by water to
Calgary eleven. We are requesting war of-
fice to extend time still further if
necessary, but cannot count on fur-
ther extension at present. Quality
oats received at Montreal so far high-
ly satisfactory and creditable to Al-
berta.

"JAS. W. ROBERTSON,
"Commissioner."

LOCAL

—Wednesday next is Christmas.

—R. Vance left on Tuesday for Star.
—H. J. Duchesne came up from Pon-
tine on Monday.

—Geo. Kennedy, of the Hudson's Bay
Co., Ia., Biche, came in early in the
week.

—J. W. Sher, M. L. A., came up
from Fort Saskatchewan on Monday.

—W. B. Barlow came in from Cal-
gary on Monday.

—X. St. Jean left on Wednesday for
Montreal.

—A. Von Hammerstein came in from
Athabasca Landing on Wednesday.

—The hockey boys had good practices
on Monday and Wednesday even-
ings.

—Don't miss the masquerade ball in
the Forester's Hall at Leduc, Jan. 1st,
1902.

—Special Christmas services will be
held in the Methodist church on Sun-
day next.

—W. Picard, of the Alberta Hotel,
and Mrs. Eliza Percy, of Edmonton,
were recently united in marriage.

—T. B. Stapley has purchased the
saw mill of Father Bouchard and will
operate it at Morinville during the
winter.

—Mrs. (Rev.) T. C. Buchanan accom-
panied by her children Gladys and
Nellie Buchanan left on Tuesday for
Ontario.

—The net proceeds of last week's
bazaar in aid of the building fund of
St. Joachim's Roman Catholic church
was about \$500.

—Arrangements are being made for
a hockey match between Strathcona
and the home team on the Thistle
rink on Christmas day.

—The body of the late Mr. Jessup
was sent east this morning for inter-
ment. Mrs. Jessup and family also
left this morning for Pembroke, Ont.

—Messrs. Brunelle & Woods have
launched Hutton's new stable where they
will run a feed and sale business. They
also do business at McCauley's old
stable.

—Contrary to the advertisement ap-
pearing elsewhere in these columns the
carnival at the Thistle rink will be
held on the evening of Thursday, Dec.
26th.

—At Christmas tree entertainment
will be held in the Clover Bart Metho-
dust church on Monday next beginning
at 8 p. m. A free-will offering will
be taken.

—W. Oliver, was elected mayor of
Lethbridge over John Kenny, by 29
votes. The vote was the largest ever
poll in Lethbridge and was, Oliver
151, Kenny 122.

—While comparatively little Christ-
mas decorating has been done yet, the
confidential stores are displaying
holiday stock and their windows have
assumed the holiday appearance.

—Messrs. McDougall & Secord are
distributing a beautiful style of cal-
endar among their patrons. The
calendars bear photos of famous
scenes as "The Giants' Causeway" and
"The Matterhorn."

—Messrs. A. Jackson, A. Brown,
Carey and M. Sibley returned Mon-
day evening from a week's shooting
trip down the river. The party se-
cured two deer. They report the deer
plenty but very wild.

—E. Holmes and family of St. Ar-
thur left last week for Ontario. Mr. Holmes
disposed of his store premises at St. Ar-
thur to Mr. M. Campbell, Mrs. Holmes and
family will remain in Ontario for a
year at least. Mr. Holmes will prob-
ably return to Alberta in the coming
spring.

—Mrs. Hardisty and Mr. R. Hardis-
ty and family left on Tuesday for To-
ronto where Mrs. Hardisty will reside.

They will visit friends at Morley on
the way. Mr. Hardisty will go from
Toronto to South Africa by way of
England. He intends to remain in
Africa for several years.

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FOR SALE.

"Yorkshire Boar. Two years old
next spring. For sale, or exchange for
sow. His progeny can be seen
Born 3rd August,
THOS. STACEY,
New Lunnan, P.O.

S. E. 1-4 sec. 22, 6p. 55, range 23.
15-16p.

HOUSSE TO RENT.

"The brick house above the Bay-
field Ranch, containing eight rooms,
furnace, etc., etc. \$150 per month. To rent
from Jan. 1st. Apply at Joe Mc-
Callum for further particulars.

15-18p.

TEACHER WANTED.

"Teacher for the supply of furnace
coal for Brick School and stove coal
for the other schools will be re-
quired up to the 31st Dec., also
for the supply of water for all the
schools. Low rates on any tender not
necessarily accepted.

15-20p. ST. GEO. JELLETT.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.

"Lost in November one year ago
a large black dog, male, weighing
about 2 years old, tan brindle, white
front and hind foot on left side, white
mark on front leg by hock. No
brand. One bay mare branded LL
on left shoulder, Nobby and in foal.
Apply

THOMAS HALL,
Whitford P.D., Alta.

NOTICE.—ARREARS OF TAXES.

"Unless all arrears of taxes due
the Bellrose R. C. Public School
district are paid within thirty days
from Dec. 1st, 1901, action will be
taken to recover the same as provided
by law in the School Ordinance.

JOHN HARROLD, JR.,
Sec-Treas.

15-23p. EDMONTON, P. O.



"SEALED TENDERS addressed to
the undersigned and endorsed "Tender
for Court House &c., Carduff, N.W.
will be received at this office until
Saturday, 4th January, 1902, for the
construction of a building for the Court
House &c., Carduff, N.W.T.

"Persons tendering are notified that
tenders will not be considered unless
made on the form supplied, and signed
with their actual signatures.

"Each tender must be accompanied by
an accepted cheque on a chartered
bank, made payable to the order of
the Honourable the Minister of Public
Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.)

of the amount of the tender, which
will be forfeited if the party decline
to enter into a contract for the work
contracted for. If the tenderer does not accept the cheque will
be returned.

"The department does not bind itself
to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED GELINAS,
Secretary.

EDMONTON AND STRATHCONA,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 12th December, 1901.

Newspapers inserting this adver-
tisement without authority from the
Department, will not be paid for it.

15-17p. MRS. LITTLECHILD.

J. T. BLOWEY.



We are loaded down with Carpets, Art
Squares, Bugs, Mattings, Linoleums,
Floor Oil Cloths, Lace and Tapestry
Curtains.

We have just received a large import order
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floors this winter.

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24 head of young cattle, yearlings
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15-17p.

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18-19p. MRS. LITTLECHILD.

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Men's No. 1 Black Dog, undyed skins, - 25.00
Men's No. 1 Wombat, - 22.00
Men's No. 2 Wombat, - 20.00
Men's No. 1 Calf, with Coon Collar, - 24.00
Men's Fine Beaver Cloth in blue, black or brown, - \$12.50 to \$15.00
Men's Heavy Frieze, long coat with large collar, double breasted, - \$7.00, \$10.00, \$15.00
Lots of Boy's Overcoats and Jackets, from \$2.50 up to \$5.50

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lar subjects, richly framed, \$3.50.

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value.

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Large cherry or natural oak,
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Handsome cherry or natural oak,
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A large range of beautiful produc-
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Holly! Holly!
Holly!

Genuine imported.

With lots of Berries on.

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Hallier & Aldridge's

Fruiterers and Confectioners.

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EDMONTON BULLETIN DEC 20TH, 1901

THE WESTERN STANDARDS BOARD SCANDAL

The conspiracy of silence which the Winnipeg press has hitherto received the effort of the Manitoba grain combine to unduly depress the price of Alberta oats by manipulating the decisions of the western grain standards board has been broken by the Commercial in its issue of December 14th in an article headed "Alberta Oats" which is reproduced in full elsewhere in this issue.

In order to arrive at a clear understanding of any argument advanced it is necessary to understand the point of view from which it is made. The present position of the Commercial on the Alberta oat question may very fairly be judged from its article under the same heading in its issue of November 23rd which was also reproduced in the Bulletin. In that article the Commercial without cause or provocation went out of its way to accuse the government 1st of securing the oat contract from the war department for political purposes and 2nd of trying to purchase Alberta oats under their market value when let. The action taken was only in response to urgent requests of the boards of trade and business men's associations of Northern Alberta and 3rd when the contract was an important if not the chief cause of the advance in price. This latter the Commercial admits in its article of the 14th. As between the assertion of Nov. 23rd and the admission of its article of December 14th, the Commercial is convicted of having missated the case on one occasion or the other. We in Alberta know as a matter of fact that the misstatement was in the article of November 23rd. It is the business of a commercial journal not to make misstatements on commercial subjects, and when one is made it is fair to assume that it was made not accidentally but for a purpose,—for a commercial purpose. The general tenor of the Commercial's remarks in its article of Nov. 23rd makes perfectly clear that its purpose was to uphold the position and serve the interests of the Manitoba grain combine. That it was in the supposed interests of that institution that the Commercial made the misstatements of its article of that date. Therefore it is necessary in considering its article of Dec. 14th, to consider it as having been written from the same point of view as that from which that an independent commercial journal knowing the facts and only desirous of stating them and drawing fair deductions from them. As the express of a commercial interested in depressing the market value of an important crop, not as an honest exponent of the situation as it exists. When we know what the Commercial is trying to get at we know what value to place on what it says;

The allegations of the Bulletin have been and are;

1. That a combine exists amongst a number of the principal grain dealing firms having headquarters at Winnipeg.

2. That this combine is represented on the Western Grain Standards Board.

3. That the combine used its representation on the Standards Board to improperly establish standards in respect of Alberta's oats.

4. That the effect of these improper standards was intended to be to depress the price of Alberta oats below their fair market value.

5. That the standards so improperly established should be revoked forthwith by the authority of the inland revenue department.

6. That the board which has allowed its powers to be so prostituted should be abolished.

Let us see how far these allegations can be established, from the article in the Commercial and from other sources.

The existence of a combine amongst the Manitoba grain dealers will not be denied seriously at this stage of the game so that no time need be lost on that point.

As to the combine being represented on the standards board the list already furnished of members present at the meeting which condemned Alberta oats is sufficient.

The main point is whether the action of the standards board in classifying Alberta oats as injured and injured oats as Alberta, was or was not justified by the facts, and was or was not within the competence of the board. On that point let the Commercial be heard. "The oats appeared to be of fine quality and weighed out extra heavy. * * * A test showed that the meal produced therefrom was black. An examination showed that

they were frosted. * * * In appearance the oats were fully up to the requirements of the grade as defined by the inspection act, but being damaged they could not be so graded."

It will be observed that in dealing with the subject as above the Commercial speaks of the crop as a whole. It is not a question about the quality of a car or two that is at issue, but as to the crop at large. The Commercial is kind enough to say, "We do not know to what extent the crop is damaged. Possibly a considerable proportion of the grain is not affected." If the standards board did not know approximately to what extent the crop was affected and if there was a reasonable probability of a considerable proportion not being affected the board acted absolutely without authority. The right of the board to interfere turns on the proportion of the crop that is below the standards fixed in the act. Even if certain samples of oats from North Alberta were damaged that did not give the board a right to interfere. The words of the act are, "A considerable proportion of grain not capable of being included in the classification provided in the said act." In taking action at all the board assumed responsibility for the condition of the crop as a whole, not of any small part, and stand convicted of having deliberately intended to describe the oat crop of Alberta as injured, which intent is made even more apparent by the use of the name Alberta as applied only to injured oats, from whatever part of the country they might come.

The requirements of the act are that "No. 1 oats shall be sound, plump, clean, and free from other grain." The Commercial admits that the very oats in question were plump and in appearance fully up to the requirements of the act, but says that the milling results showed that they were frosted and therefore were not "sound." Leaving aside for the moment the frost question, it is well to note that except in this district ten bushels of oats are grown for every bushel that is grown for milling purposes. That oats for milling are a size issue, that the grades of the act are fixed with a view to the value of oats for feed and not for milling or seed purposes. That the word "sound" is used with reference to purposes of storage and transport and not for purposes of milling or seed. That if it were necessary or advisable to fix a standard for milling oats that would have to be done by the act and the standards board would have no jurisdiction in the matter, in so far as requirements as to milling quality would be above the present requirements of the act.

Admitting every allegation of the Commercial as to the quality of Alberta oats there was still legal grounds for intervention by the standards board. Had the board dealt with Manitoba oats which according to the provincial government crop report were owing to climatic conditions light and ruined, and therefore not up to the requirements of the act they would have been within their power, but in dealing with Alberta oats which more than fulfilled the requirements of the act they went beyond their jurisdiction and the farmers of Alberta who are the most deeply interested parties will hold the department of inland revenue responsible if the illegal action of the board is allowed to stand.

As to whether Alberta—that is Edmonton district—oats are injured for milling purposes or not. The oats under discussion are grown in Alberta north of the Red Deer river. It is safe to say that not far from nine-tenths of the total crop is grown north of Battle river or a point say 60 miles south of Edmonton. Lacombe is the only place south of Wetaskiwin that is exporting oats. Probably two-thirds of the export crop of North Alberta is marketed at Edmonton and Strathcona, so the facts regarding the crop are well within the knowledge of everyone here. The allegation is that the oat crop is injured by frost so as to unfit it for milling; upon this it is a well known fact that wheat is much more susceptible to frost than oats. That if wheat is not injured for milling by any certain frost case cannot be. To-day and ever since the crop began to be marketed the mills at Edmonton and Strathcona have been paying 6¢c and sometimes over for No. 1 wheat—several cents over the Maritoba price—and the quality of flour which they turn out in competition with the big Manitoba mills prove that there is an abundance of uninjured wheat in the district. Enough to place the grades beyond the proper jurisdiction of the standards board. If there is a large proportion of the wheat of the district uninjured there must also be a large proportion of the oats. And if there is a large proportion of the oats uninjured the standards board had no authority under the act to tamper with the grades and particularly to grade injured oats as Alberta. Everyone knows that the first frost of the season occurred on Sept. 5th. That a great deal of the oat crop of the district was already cut and a great deal more of it was ripe and therefore could not have been injured, and that the frost was not severe enough to injure oats in whatever stage they might be. The next frost occurred on Sept. 23rd. At that time two-thirds of the crop had been cut, and nearly all of it was ripe. What was unripe at that date, was no doubt injured, to some extent, but the proportion injured could not by any means be large enough to af-

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You can cement instead of cut friendship by a gift of genuine well-finished Cutlery or Silverware.

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MANITOBA MARKETS.

Commercial, Dec. 14.—The market for Manitoba wheat has on the whole been more dull than otherwise. Lake navigation closed last week and as yet exporters have not been able to arrange workable freight rates to the sea board. And this together with the heavy stocks held in the country elevators and the congested state of railway traffic, causes an undesirable lack of freedom in trading. At the end of last week and the beginning of this a fair trading spurt occurred through the influence of the sharp advance in outside markets and a good deal of wheat changed hands at outside prices, on Saturday and Monday. But with the subsequent decline buyers went out of sight and very little has been done since Monday. At the top wheat in store Fort William was sold spot or Del. delivery at 7c per bushel, spot or 1c higher, and 6c per bushel, No. 1 northern, and 6c per bushel, No. 2 northern. As the decline it has been sold at 3c less than these prices, but at close of markets yesterday we quote values 1 hard 71 1/2c, 1 northern, 6c, 2 northern, 5c, 2nd, delivery, and for Jan. delivery 1c to 1c 1/2c over these prices.

COUNTRY WHEAT.—At many country points deliveries of wheat have almost ceased for the reason that elevators are full and there is no place to store the grain. At these points and others where buyers are more or less provided for space the market in but little more than a nominal one and quotations do not represent the value of the grain. Where deliveries are free buyers are paying 5c to 5 1/2c for best grades in farmers' loads delivered at elevators.

OATS.—The market for oats is unsettled. Feed merchants here are still getting enough oats from farmers loads on the streets to meet the local demand and they are consequently not worrying much over the market business. Millers are ready to buy all the milling oats they can get but offerings of these are not at all free. Prices hold steady at last week's range, but may break shortly as there are very large quantities of Manitoba and Alberta oats in sight. Car lots of No. white on track or en route are worth 4c per bushel; No. 2 white, 4c per bushel; feed oats 3c. Prices being paid to farmers at country points for No. 2 white oats range around 12c. Brandon rate of freight, street cars here are worth 34 to 36c per bushel.

BARLEY.—Offerings have increased and are now of quite respectable proportions. Most of the grain is of splendid quality but poor in color which suits it for malting, consequently feed dealers are getting most of what comes in. Malting barley is worth 38c to 40c per bushel, and feed grades 34 to 36c per bushel on the street or carlots on track.

THE FREE LANCE.

The *Initial Free Lance* announces itself under new management. Geo. M. Westland is the publisher having bought out O. D. Fleming, who will now give his whole attention to the Red Deer Echo. In his salutary new paper he says that he will endeavor to supply a clean, new, and up-to-date paper, worthy of the bright, busy and enterprising town in which it is published and the splendid country around it.

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"The Free Lance will take no part in politics, but will afford opportunity for the discussion of any questions of public interest."

A BRITISH SUCCESS.

London, Dec. 14.—Reporting to the war office from *Pratoria*, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: "Bruce Hamilton, after a long night march surprised Pier Viljoen's laager at dawn on Dec. 13, at Witkraans, 25 miles northwest of Ermelo, killed sixteen Boers and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field guns are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and was used against the retreating enemy."

ANOTHER CANADIAN DEAD.

Orgeon, Dec. 13.—Information has been received at the militia department of the death of Richard Wellington Tooke, South African constabulary, at Thabo N'Chu from enteric fever. Trooper Tooke's next of kin is Wm. Tooke, of St. Helen's, Ont.

BIG ENGINES.

There arrived at the C.P.R. shops at Toronto Junction last week, two of the largest locomotives yet built for that company. The engines are of the big compound type, and are the first of a number which the company intend purchasing for heavy traffic. The engines were built in Schenectady, N. Y., and are 20 percent larger than the moguls. The new engines will carry 5,000 gallons of water, fourteen tons of coal, and be capable of hauling 60 cars of loaded freight,

MANITOBA LIBERAL PLATFORM.

The following is the provincial platform adopted at the recent Manitoba liberal convention held in Winnipeg: That this convention regrets the present condition of this province by the present provincial administration of the spoils system.

This convention re-affirms and endorses the principle of manhood suffrage—one man, one vote—as laid down in the platform of the convention of Manitoba liberals in 1886, and while we do not disagree with the policy of refusing to extend the franchise to foreigners wholly unacquainted with our language and institutions, until such time as we are satisfied, we protest against the action of the present conservative government of Manitoba in discriminating against particular nationalities, and where unrepresented legislation only naturalized British subjects are excluded from registration, legislation should be provided to remove such disability.

Resolved, that the present grain blockade will cause a very serious loss to the farmers and business community of this province. It is therefore in the best interests of the majority of the people that the governments both of this province and the Dominion should take such steps as will as far as possible relieve the present existing conditions to the end that such arrangements should be made to existing legislation will provide for a better supply of rolling stock and a more equitable distribution thereof, so that every possible facility may be afforded to the farmers of this province for the transportation of their grain.

This convention condemns the action of the present local government in removing from municipalities the right to tax railway corporations, and in the continuation of the taxation act which deprives certain municipalities of the three per cent gross earnings as provided by the railway act of 1885.

Whereas, owing to the lack of information respecting the provisions of the inspection and grading laws as carried out by farmers in the marketing of their crops, it is resolved that copies of the said act and elevator act shall be distributed as widely as possible, and that the same, especially affecting the grading of grain at the point of delivery should be required to be posted up in every elevator licensed under the act.

In view of the systems of registration of voters proposed in the Manitoba election act, at the last session of the legislature is cumbersome, expensive and defective, and by compelling persons to attend all elections in order to receive registration on the list of electors, many persons will be prevented from making application to be entered as voters and will be deprived of the franchise that belongs to them by reason of the process.

Resolved, that the formulation of a provincial liberal platform be referred to the provincial council acting in conjunction with the leader of the party.

In regard to federal politics the following resolution was passed:

"We, the undersigned, do place on record its confidence in the administration of the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues.

"And this convention recognizes the courage and ability shown by the government in the way of the tariff, in the face of the country's requirements and its economic conditions; especially approves the preferential clauses favoring the mother country, the relief of the cities on raw materials and the importance of the contributions made to the free list, and congratulates the government on the increased trade of the country and a rising standard of living, thus as regards to securing the great reduction in imperial and domestic postal rates and the expenditures involved in newly developed portions of the Dominion."

"And this convention feels confident that with the consideration for the varied productive industries of the country, the government, in so far as the just demands upon the revenue will permit, will apply the principle of placing taxation on the basis of a revenue tariff, having special regard to the development of the great agricultural resources of Western Canada, keeping in view the fact that the Canadian government, agricultural implements and coal oil are articles of prime necessity to the western farmers."

COAST-KOOTENAY RY.

Railway and Shipping World: It is reported that a British syndicate has recently made an offer to the B. C. government to construct the Coast-Kootenay railway. The terms of the act offering \$5,000,000 as the subsidy for the construction of such a line are considered to be too stringent, and the syndicate suggests certain modifications.

Hon. J. D. Prentice, provincial finance minister, it is stated, is going to England to float the \$5,000,000 loan, and the commissioners of land and works Hon. W. G. Wells has been visiting Montreal to have a conference with Sir Thos. Shaughnessy on railway matters. G. McLean Brown, the C. P. R. executive agent in B. C., accompanied Mr. Wells to Montreal.

MURDEROUS BOERS.

London, Dec. 11.—Lord Kitchener's promised statement specifying thirty-seven separate instances in which natives have been shot in cold blood by the Boers, and which involves the loss of 84 lives, was issued by the war office to-night. In some of the cases mentioned the blacks were shot after an informal court martial or upon being accused of spying, but in numerous instances Lord Kitchener indicates that natives were shot in cold blood in order to hide traces of the movement of the Boer commandos. The period covered by Lord Kitchener's statements is over one year.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

Commercial, Dec. 14.—The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, 6,161,000 bushels, compared with 10,871,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 10,930,000 bushels, compared with 8,762,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Monday.

Queen's—D. Lamoureux, Lamoureux; L. Moret, C. F. Stewart, J. McNulty, T. McPhee, Fort Saskatchewan; M. Granger, Riviere Qui Barre; G. Reid, M. Gaucher, J. Vezendes, Mrs. Vezendes, Morinville; J. Small, Leduc; M. Steifer, M. Baumshen, St. Emile, Belniz, Surgeon W. Donovan, Camillo; Dr. Guy, St. Jean;

Alberta—G. N. Powell, St. Catherine, N. A.; F. M. Pace, Winnipeg; E. H. W. Birch, Montreal; W. B. Harvis, W. M. Cross, Calgary; J. H. Duchesney, Ponoka;

Jasper—P. Verhaeghe, J. Becker, N. A.; Farty, Fort Saskatchewan; Miss Purday, Lacome; R. Stewart, town;

B. F. Hall, Poplar Lake; O. Grande, A. Elsey, Agriculture; F. Wocasek, Spruce Grove; F. A. Pierce, New Lunnan; L. C. True, J. Everitt, Surgeon; J. C. Jackson, Stony Plain.

Victoria—A. K. Mackenzie, Mrs. R. Mackenzie, C. G. Mackenzie, Beaver Lake; J. R. Trotter, Surgeon; F. Reed, Morinville; L. Peterson, Spruce Grove; O. Marois, St. Peter; J. F. McRae, River Barre; J. B. MacKenzie, Wainwright.

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THE PAST SEASON.

With the advent of sleighing it is in order to speak of the "past" summer, without raising any question of the appropriateness of the term used; and now that threshing is nearly completed and large quantities of grain have been marketed, the time is suitable for reflecting on the season's results.

In farming operations the season has been very satisfactory. Although it has been excellent in yield per acre and equalled in quality the amount of crop has never been approached. The deliveries of grain and the threshing operations indicate notwithstanding the fertility of the soil, but also the fact that the natural advantages of the district are being improved by the skill, labor and enterprise of rapidly increasing numbers of settlers. Ten years ago when the C. & E. railway was completed to Edmonton two mixed trains a week gave ample accommodation for freight and passengers. There was absolutely no outgoing freight. All was incoming. Now there is a train every day and frequently two or more trains a day, and although the incoming freight has increased stupendously, the cars thus arriving are not nearly sufficient to take out the export freight. Whole trains of empties have to be brought in, and still the elevators and warehouses are overcrowded. The season which produced such results cannot have been otherwise than favorable, although at times it was untoward.

Spring came somewhat earlier than usual and plowing began early in April. After seed had got well under way there came snow and cold which stopped farming operations for the time, and no doubt looked discouraging. But when the snow went away the ground was well soaked with moisture, and ready for the work of the hot sun. The great disadvantage to the seeding season came from the season before. Owing to the character of the fall of 1900 very little fall plowing was done, and consequently seeding in the spring of 1901 was held back by the extra amount of plowing rendered necessary. This threw a part of the seeding very late, and accounts for whatever light or late grain was produced.

June was favorable for growth, and the crops made good progress during that month. The terrible heat and drought which prevailed in the States and Eastern Canada and to some extent in Manitoba did not occur here, and on the first of July it is safe to say that crops never looked better.

July, however, did not make good the promise of June. Heavy rains were general throughout the district during the month. The meteorological report showed a rainfall of nearly twenty inches in 31 days. Something unprecedented since the records were first kept. Roads became very bad, travel in many directions was almost suspended, and the growth of the crop was retarded. A number of very damaging reports were sent out and spread broadcast with the plain intent of injuring the reputation of the district, but they were not justified by the facts. Several severe local hail storms occurred of which the most was also made. But the hail was confined to the towns of Edmonton and Strathcona and their immediate vicinity. The district at large was absolutely free from hail, and the crops which the hail struck in almost all cases recovered so that they gave fair returns.

The rains ceased with the end of July and August was one of the finest months that any country ever saw. The grain came on amazingly, and when the month had ended harvest had begun.

Harvesting made good progress during the first three weeks of September, but the crop had ripened very unevenly owing to the late sowing of part of it, and the heavy rains of July. Many farmers delayed cutting beyond the time when they might have commenced thinking that they were sure of a fine fall. A slight frost occurred on September 5th, but without doing any great harm. The government record at Edmonton showed only one degree of frost, which was not sufficient to affect oats at all, and did not seriously affect the wheat. A good deal of wheat was already cut and a great deal more was sufficiently ripe to be practically uninjured. But some late fields were damaged. After three weeks of splendid harvest weather in September a heavy fall of wet snow occurred on Sept. 23rd, which threw down any grain then uncut. This was followed by a sharp frost, the first really damaging frost of the season. This very greatly increased the labor of cutting the remainder of the grain and delayed the completion of harvesting considerably, but did not seriously damage the crop in quantity or quality. The roads were again thrown into a terrible condition, from which

they did not entirely recover until the ground froze at the end of October.

October was very fine and mild. Harvesting, stacking, threshing, delivery of grain and fall plowing went on simultaneously and uninterrupted. As cutting and stacking diminished by completion threshing and delivery of grain increased. There was a general complaint of a lack of sufficient threshers, although the number already in the country had been largely added to. Owing to the continuance of the fine weather during November and December the work was, or soon will be satisfactorily completed. There was practically no frost during October, so that a few days before the last of the month strawberry vines bearing both blossoms and ripe fruit were gathered in the town. On the last day of October, however, a change in the weather occurred, the ground froze so as to stop fall plowing and the river

a branch near Fort Saskatchewan. Under the cream gathering system this gives the advantage of the creamery to the farmers of a very considerable area, and proves that creameries can be made to pay in all parts of the district. There is a ready market for the product of the creameries in Kootenay, the Yukon and Great Britain. The present local price of butter is 20¢ to 25¢ for a good article.

Poultry is reared successfully and in considerable quantities. Last Christmas a considerable amount was exported to Kootenay. There seems to be a good supply this season, but the wet weather of July was hard on young turkeys. However, the demand is good and the supply ample at least for local requirements. It is worthy of note that the Edmonton district is probably the only part of Canada west of Lake Superior which is able to export poultry for the holiday season.

AS TO OATS.

It is worthy of note that in reporting the Western Grain Standards board regarding Alberta oats the Winnipeg papers, including the Commercial, carefully refrain from giving the part which condemns Alberta oats as injured and stamps the board as being guilty of a job of the lowest and meanest order. From information that has reached Edmonton it is known that the members of the board who brought forward the proposal to class Alberta oats as injured was E. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling company. The Ogilvie company, however, oatmeal mill as well as flour mill and Mr. Thompson did not scruple to use his official position as a member of the Grain Standards board in the effort to affect the price of oats. Just how well grounded were Mr. Thompson's complaints against the quality of Alberta as compared with Manitoba oats may be judged from the fact that while the Ogilvie mill was unable to run last year for lack of Manitoba oats that were fit for milling the Brackman-Kerr mill at Strathcona ran continuously, and turned out a quality of oatmeal that holds the market against all competitors. This year the Brackman-Kerr mill is using Edmonton oats, is running continuously and is turning out a better quality of oatmeal than ever before, proving conclusively that the quality of the grain is all right. The Manitoba government crop report gives a basis of comparison in regard to the Manitoba oat crop of this year, which should settle the question as to the necessity of grading Alberta oats as injured. It says;

"The oat crop, although on the whole a good crop, is not up to expectation in many districts. Early grown oats are reported Al but late oats were very heavy in the straw, and in some districts rusted badly, so that the grain from these fields is light."

No such report can be given regarding oats in the Edmonton district, and yet the grain standards board daily meets, listens to complaints by a Manitoba competitor as to the quality of Alberta oats and gravely decides to class injured oats as Alberta 1, 2 and 3. No doubt these grades will be used to pass off a portion of the inferior Manitoba crop under the name of Alberta while good Alberta oats will be classed as Manitoba. A more basefaced attempt to destroy the reputation and therefore the value of an important crop never was made, but the farmers are getting the prices. The large crop backed up by a brisk demand and good prices has put the district in an excellent financial position this year, and established its reputation as a grain producing region.

The Edmonton district, however, is very much more than a mere grain producer. The advice which has been so often tendered the agriculturists of Manitoba, and so little heeded, namely to go into mixed farming has been acted upon in the Edmonton district. Hogs, cattle, butter, poultry and eggs, play a very important part in farming here. A local pork packing establishment—the enterprise of the Galloher-Hull Co.—ensures a ready market and good prices for the humble, but useful hog. For over a year the price of live hogs has run over \$0 a pound. The farmers are well satisfied with these figures and say they mean good money. In the present year of high prices for grain the profit is not as apparent, as it grain were cheaper. But second class grain is much more profitable when fed to hogs than when marketed for export.

No country in the world has finer pasture for cattle and hay and roots for winter feed are more than abundant. Cattle are by many farmers considered to be more profitable than hogs, but require more capital to handle, and the returns are slower. However, a great deal of money has been made by farmers here in cattle. The open fall has been very favorable and the large quantities of feed ensure a successful winter.

Butter is an important by product of the farm and in butter making many of the farmers' wives in the Edmonton district excel. There is a government creamery in operation between Edmonton and Strathcona with

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VICTORIA.

Light snow fell last night, practically the first of the winter.

The Saskatchewan is still open here, the weather being remarkably mild.

Mosquitos have made its appearance here but as the case has been isolated, the disease is not likely to spread.

Typhoid fever is reported among the "Russians."

Messrs. Geo. Kennedy and Alexander Hamlin, of Lac la Biche, passed through on the 8th inst., en route to Edmonton.

Rumors of an approaching general election for the legislative assembly are beginning to be heard. It is expected that the meetings to consider electoral matters will shortly be held at several points in the district.

Quite a number of "Russians" are last hunting in the neighborhood, the land hereabouts being higher and consequently less liable to flooding in wet weather than on the south side of the river. The absence of subdivision surveys hereabouts is a serious impediment, which we hope to see removed with the least possible delay. Dec. 10, 1901.

SURGEON.

The fall of snow of the night before last will help on the much needed steaming to some extent.

Threshing will be about finished by the end of this week. Gibson Bros. will be about done by then. The yield is not unusually large, but the quality is generally good.

The Baptist social that was to have been sometime ago will be held this week Tuesday if nothing happens to prevent.

Sickness among horses seems to prevail to some extent.

A Kansas man was looking at property in our neighborhood with the intention of buying.

Mr. Versut after pulling in his threshing machine has again pulled out to a settlement about ten miles north of his place to thresh for some people, who will take him about a week.

Bon Accord social will be held on or about Christmas some time.

Mr. Putnam was sick last week, but is much better at the present writing.

Skating has not taken the interest of the people this winter as yet to the extent it did last winter.

A few were talking of starting a literary society some time the first of January.

There has been some talk of a post office at Excelson.

Messrs. Samis and McLaughlin have been crushing grain through the neighborhood and were at Steve Samis' at the last of the past week.

Smith's coal mine was not in working order last Friday. One shaft had in and the wheeling apparatus was deranged.

INNSFALL CREAMERY.

The Free Lance reports a meeting of the parsons of the Innsfall creamery which was attended by Superintendent Marker, all of which many grievances were aired. The patrons stuck to it that the tests were not fair, and it was decided to send in deputations twice a week to see the tests made. In commenting on the meeting the Lance says:

"There was nothing more annoying to a person of observation than the whispers in the meeting to the effect that Mr. Moore was getting on too well-making too much money. We like a man of that stamp and want more of them in their party. We do not see why a good business man should disgruntle us from being also a good butter maker. But here is a fact. It is said Mr. Moore feeds dogs and being expert at curing does not dispose like others for \$6.00 per bushel, but sells in a half-breath family in Battleford South; and on Monday another adult was taken down and placed in quarantine in Mr. Cooper's house along with the first patient.

GRAIN DELIVERIES.

Telegram: According to the returns of Grain Inspector Horn, the total amount of grain inspected from Sept. 1 to Dec. 7, was 25,674 cars, made up as follows:

Grain.	Cars.	Bushels.
Wheat,	24,536	20,381,480
Oats,	910	1,022,600
Barley,	111	111,900
Flax seed,	97	97,000

Total inspection, 25,674 car, 21,681,480

According to information received from officials of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. the amount in store at country points along their respective lines on December 7 was approximately: C. P. R. 9,000,000 bushels; C. N. R. 1,000,000 bushels, making the total wheat in store on that date 10,000,000 bushels.

To the above figures must be added the amount of wheat delivered to mills west of Winnipeg and ground into flour. These figures furnished by the Ogilvie Milling company and the Lake of the Woods Milling company for wheat ground between September 1 and December 7 show that this amount may be approximately put at from 700,000 to 750,000 bushels. Taking all these figures it may be stated that the total amount of grain delivered by farmers from the beginning of the present crop year to December 7 totals 32,431,480 bushels.

The following table shows the different amounts making up the above total:

Total amount inspected,	21,681,480
Stored at C.N.R. points,	1,000,000
Stored at C.P.R. points,	9,000,000
Milled west of Winnipeg,	750,000

Total grain delivered, 32,431,480. Deducting from this amount the total oats, barley and flax inspected, which amount totals 1,300,000 bushels, there remains 31,131,480 bushels which represent the total amount of wheat received from first hands.

During the grain year extending from Sept. 1, 1899, to August 31, 1900, the total amount of grain inspected was \$3,663 car or 28,252,300 bushels. For the same period, extending from Sept. 1, 1900, to August 31, 1901, the total amount inspected was only 13,956,670 bushels.

BATTLEFORD.

Herald, Dec. 11.

The outbreak of measles in the industrial school here is not a matter of surprise, for it is a disease to which most children are liable, and generally the sooner they have it the better.

The peculiarity here is that it should have developed simultaneously amongst so many. The school was quarantined when the first cases were brought down from Onion lake and the patients isolated. Next, we hear, that sixty cases had developed in a night without any preliminary symptoms, and so on day to day until nearly all on the school roll and some of the staff are on the sick list.

Threshing the settlers' grain is finished, but it will take the Indian department about six weeks to get through with the reserves.

Measles are dying out at Onion lake but is being followed by an epidemic of mumps. The same disease is also prevalent around Jackfish lake.

There is one stray case of measles in town, but it did not come from the industrial school. The sufferer is a man who brought the disease from the country, and who traces his trouble to coming in contact with a traveller from Onion lake. He was immediately placed in an improvised isolated hospital, but the disease had run its course before he came to town. On Saturday a case developed in a half-breath family in Battleford South; and on Monday another adult was taken down and placed in quarantine in Mr. Cooper's house along with the first patient.

OLDS.

Oracle, Dec. 13.

Mr. Dean shipped 12 cars of timothy hay to B. C. of late. This hay was raised by the farmers of this district and brought \$120 per car.

W. G. Shaw has severed his connection as business manager of the Oracle. He left on Thursday for Ontario where he will attend college with a view to entering the Methodist ministry. When the Oracle was launched a year and a half ago it had very small capital and many difficulties and discouragements but to-day it finds itself at the boundary line is a matter for investigation. The fellow passengers dispersed throughout the city before the facts were known, and Dr. Douglass very strongly advises them to get vaccinated at once.

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New Kansas items: Threshing in this vicinity is all finished. The oats are all light except the Red Texas variety which are an excellent sample. They are about three weeks earlier than the Canadian oats.

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Edmonton, Dec. 12.—The railway is open for traffic the outfit will have started. Development had been retarded by want of railway accommodation, but this is now being remedied.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The minister of public works says the erection of the new wing to the parliament buildings will not be permitted to interfere with the early meeting of the house. The government hopes the session will begin the first Thursday in February.

There will probably be a couple or three Canadian ministers over in London when the coronation takes place, besides Laurier. If the conference with the Australian ministers takes place then on trade, postal, cable and trade questions our premier will probably have with him the finance minister and postmaster general.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Northern railway company will apply to parliament next session for an act authorizing it to amalgamate with or purchase the undertaking of the Morden & Northwestern railway company.

Another application will be made next session by the Red Deer Valley railway and Coal Co. for an act declaring the corporate powers of the company to be in full force and extending the time for the completion of the construction of the railway until July, 1903, and amending the acts relating to the company in such respects as may be necessary for the purposes of the company.

An application will also be made next session for an act to extend the time limit for the construction and completion of the line of railway of the Medicine Hat railway and Coal company.

Applications will be made next session for an act empowering the United Gold Fields of British Columbia, incorporated under the companies acts (English) and duly registered as a foreign company in the Northwest Territories of Canada, to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway of standard gauge for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight, merchandise and goods, utilizing steam, electricity or other motive power; commencing at a point on the Crow's Nest line of railway as near Frank, in section 32, township 7, range 4, west of the fifth meridian in the N. W. T. of Canada, thence in a northerly direction through townships seven and eight to Grassy mountain in said township eight.

FINCHER CREEK'S PROGRESS.

As showing the progress of agriculture in Southern Alberta the Fincher Creek Echo makes the following kick regarding freight rates on produce and car supply:

The C. P. R. is apparently not keeping the promise as to freight rates made some time ago to our merchants, in so far as the question of equable treatment is concerned. Take, for instance, the rates from Lethbridge to Fincher. As everyone knows there is considerable traffic between the two towns, and quite a lot of freight money changes hands. The rates on 1st class freight are 66, 2nd, 55, 3rd, 44, 4th, 37 and 5th class 35 cents. What therefore was the surprise of a merchant in town to receive what is apparently a circular from a Lethbridge house, (wholesale and retail) quoting freight, (prepaid collect) as 49 1/2, 41 1/2, 33, 25 and 22 1/2 respectively.

One firm in town sold a couple of cars of produce to a Nelson firm. Unable to get cars, the shipment was delayed. After much wiring and explaining the circumstances, the local men recently wired a wire from the Nelson firm saying that two empty cars were on the road to the Creek, and we lose no time in loading. Now if a Nelson firm can get this attention paid them why cannot our local men?

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.

SMALL POX IN WINNIPEG.

Tribune: Two acresses from Toledo, Ohio, Mrs. Messengh and Miss Williams, arrived in the city yesterday.

They were suffering from some disease, and at once drove to the residence of a physician, who declared it to be small pox of the variola, or modified-vaccination type. The cases were not of serious character, but much worse than those of the patients recently in the quarantine. They had been suffering from the disease four or five days, and how they escaped the Dominion medical officer at the boundary line is a matter for investigation. The fellow passengers dispersed throughout the city before the facts were known, and Dr. Douglass very strongly advises them to get vaccinated at once.

THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

London, Dec. 14.—The delay in the publication of the returns from the concentration camps for October and November, issued to-day, was apparently due to the government's desire to accompany the announcement of the pitifully high death rate with some kind of official explanation.

The blue book this morning shows 3,156 deaths of whites in October, of which number 2,633 were children and 2,897 deaths of whites in November, of which 2,271 were children.

This makes the total number of deaths for the last six months 13,941, or a death rate approximating 253 per year per 1,000. Among the colored persons there were 1,306 deaths in two months.

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THE WESTERN STANDARDS BOARD SCANDAL

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not the grading of the crop at large, but the grading of the oats was frost unless there was no frost that would injure them in this district, as the government meteorological records will show, until the bulk of the crop had been safely harvested.

But the Commercial speaking for the standards board and the grain committee alleges that the oats are not fit for milling. It makes the allegation strongly, definitely, sweepingly. The whole case of the standards board rests on that point. "A test was made and the meal produced therefrom was bad. An examination showed that the oats were frosty." Hence the action of the standards board. This is the Commercial's statement. Will it be believed that there is in Strathcona an unbroken mill second to none on the continent, a branch establishment of the great Brackman-Ker Company, of Victoria, B. C., which was established because of the superiority of the oats of the Edmonton district for milling purposes. Which since its establishment has captured and held the general trade of Alberta and the Northwest, against all competitors by reason of the superior quality of their product. That the mills of the Brackman-Ker company in New Westminster and Victoria have run largely on Edmonton oats in past years, and that never in any year since the Strathcona mill was established has that mill been kept running more continuously, or a better quality of meal been turned out, than this year. A larger quantity of Edmonton oats have been turned into meal by the mills of that company at the cost. To the allegations as to the lack of milling quality of the Edmonton oats of this season the operations of the Brackman-Ker mills here and on the coast are the best and most complete answer. Coupled with the fact that that firm has bid over the government's contract price in order to ensure an adequate supply of the alleged "frosted" oats. If there is one point upon which the Edmonton district is stronger than another it is on the milling quality of the oats raised here, as compared with any other district in America and never in any year was it stronger than that point in the crop now being marketed.

Responsible men such as the members of the western grain standards board do not waver so far afied from their proper jurisdiction and from the facts except for a purpose. That purpose was and is plainly to depress the price by injuring the reputation of Edmonton oats. The Commercial says: "The result of the damage is to exclude these oats from use for milling purposes so that they (the millers) cannot now pay the high prices paid for milling oats." All of which being interpreted means that by the judicious use of the decision of the western grain standards board they (the millers) hope to be able to purchase Alberta oats fit for milling at the price of feed oats, to say nothing of the opportunities afforded for ridding the general market from time to time.

This unquestionably represents the intention of the combine and for a time that result was secured. The market recovered, however, but it is bound to be spurred by the combine from time to time as long as this flagrant evasion stands good. The use to which the combine intends to put the decision of the standards board can best be learned from the contents of a business letter of recent date which has been brought to the attention of the Bulletin. The letter is addressed by a stamping purchaser—a member of the western grain standards board—to the dealers with whom he had contracted for a quantity of Alberta oats. It reads:

"With regard to your several contracts of No. 1 and No. 2 white oats, I wish to say that I cannot accept on those contracts, any oats grading No. 1 and No. 2 white."

"Referring to our several conversations I stated that I did not consider No. 1 and No. 2 white Alberta oats were good tender, but would allow a few ears each year without prejudice. I am willing to take the risk of the difference between now and the last of May next to supply the oats according to my purchases from you, but will not sign contracts for No. 1 and No. 2 white oats."

No one would expect a dealer to accept unsound or frozen oats as No. 1 or No. 2 white. The establishment of new standards by the grain standards board was in no degree necessary to that end. Such action was necessary, however, to enable buyers to claim that oats weighing three pounds over weight, and sound and good in all respects, were injured, and not entitled to a price of No. 1 or No. 2 oats. The action of the board in labeling alleged injured oats as "Alberta" tends to lower the value of all oats from this district, even when sold irrespective of grade, and still further enables the same band of high minded philanthropists to palm off injured Manitoba oats as eastern purchases as "Alberta". Whatever way the matter is looked at the more inexplicable the action of the grain standards board appears and the more it is evident that if it is allowed to stand it cannot fail to have the effect desired and intended, which many thousands of dollars out of the pockets of the farmers and merchants of this district and in the grain combine.

The circumstances require that an immediate and urgent demand be made by the boards of trade and business men's associations of North Alberta

upon the minister of inland revenue for the rescinding of the unjust decision; to be followed by the abolition of the board which has so outrageously proscribed its powers.

AS TO ANNEXATION

The Free Press of recent issue contains the following news item:

"Large posters have been issued announcing that arrangements have been completed whereby Hon. R. P. Roblin and F. W. G. Haultain will address a public meeting in Fraser & Co.'s sawmill factory at Indians Head on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, for the purpose of discussing the advantages and disadvantages that the westward extension of Manitoba might bring to any allied territory."

The same issue of the Free Press contains a compilation of figures regarding provincial taxation of the municipalities which should be printed on the posters. The Bulletin has not room for the tables in full, but the following from the beginning and the end will give a good idea of the contents. The following is the commencement of the statements:

"The figure below are compiled from original sources and are authentic. They show that within the past two years, since the advent to power of the conservative party, the levy on the municipalities by the government has risen from \$65,933.15 to \$115,156.15."

And the following is the conclusion; Increase in 1900 (the first year of the present conservative government) over 1899 (the last year of the liberal government) \$16,591.20 Increase in 1901 over 1899, 49,223.02

Total increase in two years, \$65,814.22

The Northwest assembly is to be congratulated on its provision made for an independent audit of the accounts of school districts, statute labor districts and municipal organizations throughout the Territories. Although the several ordinances provide for the keeping of the accounts of these organizations, it is much easier to legislate requiring accounts to be kept, than to get them kept correctly. And yet if the accounts are not kept intelligibly as well as honestly the organizations are discredited and their usefulness lessened or destroyed. It is not possible for an ordinary country school or statute labor district to engage an expert accountant to keep its books, and if it were possible the expense would be greater than the revenues would justify. The means taken by the local government seems to be a way of securing the largest measure of efficiency at the least expense.

LOCAL

—W. A. Brewster has completed the extension to his foundry and machine shop. The lathes have been removed to the new wing and the machinery will be shifted so as to give greater convenience and more room than in the past.

—Clara Mathes at Edmonton, Dec. 20th to Jan. 8th, presenting Neil Gwynne, Under Two Flags, Cinderella, Romeo and Juliet, South Africa, Peg Woffington, Sapho, Legion of Honor, Queen of Hearts, etc.

Calgary Herald; James Bannerman, of Nelson, formerly of Calgary, has been appointed Dominion land agent at Kamloops, B. C. M. Bannerman is a brother of Mrs. Hugh McKay, of Edmonton.

—The Ashton Journal recently interviewed one of the discoverers of the Horsefly diggings in Cariboo, and was shown some of the gold taken out. It says: "The gold is coarse, angular and rough and has the appearance of not having travelled very far. In color it is very dark, the darkest we have ever seen come from Cariboo. Mr. Sim also showed to the Journal representative about \$8 or \$10 of gold taken from his lease on the South Fork. This gold is bright and smooth and entirely devoid of any roughness like the Bureka, creased gold."

—Calgary Herald; Colonel Sanders has just received from the east a magnificent brass tablet containing the names of the officers and men of the Calgary squadron of the C. M. R. who fell in action or died of disease during the campaign in South Africa. The work is artistically done and it is understood that the tablet will be placed in the church of the Redeemer here. A commemoration service will likely be held when the tablet is unveiled.

—Calgary Herald; Walter Scott, M. P., is converting his publishing business into a joint stock company. The name of the company will be "The Leader-Times Company, Limited;" capital \$50,000; provisional directors, Walter Scott, journalist; James Richards, printer; James Miller, of Moose Jaw, journalist. It is understood that this incorporation will cover the properties of the Regina Leader and the Moose Jaw Times.

—The Calgary Herald has an editorial complaint against the Bank of Montreal for placing copper in circulation in that city, and says it is against the wish of the business public, as no doubt it is. Possibly the bank did not meet a supposed popular demand, but it acted on misinformation. What the Bank of Montreal or any other bank should do to be popular is to introduce large numbers of five dollar bills in circulation. The more the better. And still better, if they make them thin, it is the large change we want and plenty of it.

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One end of Tapestry Carpet, good pattern, regular 85c, for 50c yd.

One end of All-Wool Filled Reversible Carpet regular \$1.00, for 70c yd.

Also two ends of Japanese Matting. Just the thing for wainscoting or putting behind a couch; also for dining-rooms and bed-rooms; far better than hemp carpet; 35c piece reduced to 27c yd; 25c piece reduced to 19c yd; full 36 inches wide.

We also have about one dozen Ladies Wrappers, that were \$1.00 each, to clear at 50c each.

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BAND CONCERT

The fire brigade band gave their annual concert on Wednesday evening but were not greeted by as large a house as expected.

The programme was, as usual, good, the band probably never playing better.

The programme opened with a double number by the band, a national march and an overture. The playing in these numbers was excellent. The overture introduced a cornet solo by W. Clarke and a cornet and clarinet duet by Messrs. Saugmann and Kiel, both being skillfully handled.

R. McIntyre contributed the second number singing "Liberty Hall" in good voice.

For an encore Mr. McIntyre sang "Oh, Alice, Where Art Thou?"

Number three consisted of a cornet duet by Messrs. W. Clark and J. Saugmann. The duet introduced some triple tongue work which the performers manipulated in splendid time.

Messrs. Clark and Saugmann were obliged to respond to an encore.

Mr. T. Lavoie was down for a song as the fourth number but being afflicted with a gripe, his number was filled in by Mrs. Hockley, who sang in good form "If the Waters Could Speak as They Flow."

The next number was a troublous solo by Mr. H. V. Shaw which was greatly enjoyed, Mr. Shaw responding to the encore with "Then You'll Remember Me."

Mr. Eddy sang "Greetings to the King" in such manner as to win an encore, which was not responded to.

A "Cake Walk" by the band was the next number. The boys were encouraged and responded with a march.

Mr. W. Clarke as Mr. Sloper closed part one of the programme with a character song "They're Coming On Again," singing as an encore "That'll Doodle, Doodle, Do."

Part two was opened by the band with a double number.

Mr. Heathcote sang "Kathleen Maureen" and responded to an encore with "Sunon the Cellar."

Number three was a baritone solo by F. Wilson with band accompaniment. Mr. Wilson performed a difficult solo with credit.

Mr. T. Kelly was down for the next number but it is his absence Mr. McIntyre sang "Anchored" in splendid style.

Mr. A. Cougat recited in characteristic attire a selection from Drummond's "Habitant," responding to an encore with a further selection from the same author.

A brass quartette by Messrs. Hockley, Saugmann, Engleman and Shaw came next and the quartette played in splendid unison, the time and harmony being excellent.

Mr. W. Clarke again appeared in a character song as Rev. Mr. Doolittle singing "I Borrowed It." Mr. Clarke was encored and re-encored singing "The Pretties Dance I Know" and "I Happened to be There."

Messrs. Kiel and Willing gave a burlesque boxing contest "Long vs. Short."

The programme was closed by the audience singing the "National Anthem."

Mr. N. Barford presided at the piano in his usual splendid manner adding much to the pleasure of the evening by his accompaniment to the various performers.

The direct purpose of the concert was to raise funds for the purchase of new uniforms for the band. The uniforms were worn by the members of the band at the concert and presented a most pleasing appearance. The receipts were nearly \$70.

OATS.

Deliveries have been large during the week, averaging twelve to fifteen thousand bushels a day in Edmonton. Prices have been indefinite, varying from 25c to 27c for government standard, and down to 23c for good feed. Storage accommodation is pretty well occupied, as cars for shipment have been scarce. Buyers are not as keen as they were. Strathcona prices are about the same.

CURLING.

Competitions for the Calgary Brewing Co.'s cup:

McGeorge 15, vs. McCauley 8.
Raymer 16, vs. Osborne 5.

The events decided for the coming week in the Calgary Brewing Co.'s cup are:

Friday, Dec. 20th.
Jelett vs. Fraser.

Bryan vs. Campbell.
Saturday, Dec. 21st.
Sutler vs. Cushing.

McGeorge vs. Picard.
Monday, Dec. 23rd.
McGeorge vs. Osborne.
Abbottson vs. Picard.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th.
Mercer vs. Campbell.
Lander vs. Larue.

Games will be arranged for Christmas day.

RESULTS FROM EDMONTON

The Winnipeg Telegram in an Ottawa despatch dated December 15th gives the dates and places at which a further number of recruits for the 2nd mounted rifles will be accepted. The list is the same as already appeared in the Bulletin except that a date is given for Edmonton. The date given for enlistment here is December 23rd, and 10 men will be accepted.

LOCAL

—Dr. McInnis went south on Tuesday.
—J. Hare, of Beaver Hills, is in town.
—Mr. and Mrs. T. Magee, of Star, are in town.
—Mrs. C. W. Cross returned on Tuesday from Ontario.
—Jon Charbonneau came in from Calgary on Wednesday.

—W. J. Grant, Indian agent at Hobema, came up last night.
—E. Moore, farm instructor on Ermine Skins reserve, is in town.
—Mrs. Hugh McKay left on Wednesday to visit friends in Ontario.

—W. Toole, of the C. P. R. land department, came up on Wednesday's train.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. Brax, of Spruce Grove, left to-day on a visit to Ontario.

—F. E. English, station agent at Strathcona, returned on Monday from Banff.

—The public and separate schools close on Monday next for two weeks holidays.

—Mr. Sheppard, of the firm of Shepard and Elliott, Leduc, was in town Wednesday.

—J. McCallum has purchased part of J. R. Brenton's route and gone into the water business.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Driscoll and daughter left yesterday for Ontario on a Christmas visit.

—A business meeting of the band will be held in the fire hall to-night. A full attendance is requested.

—V. W. Barford gives a pupils recital in the school room of All Saints' church on Monday evening at 8 p.m.

—A party of about a dozen Galicians were taken south on Wednesday to work in the coal mines at Lethbridge.

—Jas. McDonald is distributing a useful style of calendar issued by the Phoenix Insurance Co., of which he is local agent.

—On Wednesday evening in the Calgary Brewing Co. cup competition McGeary's rink defeated Larne's score 9 to 8 and Frazer's rink defeated Summers', score 19 to 6. On Thursday Osborne defeated McGeorge by a score of 14 to 3.

—The Young Peoples' society of Christian Endeavor in the Presbyterian church gave a very successful social evening in the Presbyterian church on Monday last. The church was comfortably filled. The pastor, Rev. D. McGehee presided. Addresses were delivered by the chairman and by Rev. Mr. Hall. The musical programme included a piano solo by Miss Olive Ross, a violin solo by Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, a mouth organ duet by Mr. Williamson and Mr. Thom, a piano duet by Miss Eleanor Taylor and Miss Clara Oliver, and a vocal solo by Mr. Hodge. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening spent.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Thursday.

—Queen's—E. Koyl, Ponoka; S. H. Kirby, Idaho; F. J. Findley, M. Barrett, T. McRae, Leduc; J. Whalen, A. Soucy, town; L. June, Namee; J. McNamara, Camilla; A. Cameron, Ray; E. Dubuc, J. Tellier, Morinville; F. W. Stock, J. Morin, J. Bouchon, T. Bouchon, St. Emile; M. McGillivray, J. Lemire, Turgeon lake; J. C. Casey, Beaver lake.

Alberta—W. Oliver, Lethbridge; B. W. Dingman, Chicago; W. J. Grant, J. C. McKay, Wetaskiwin.

Jasper—S. Ball, town; G. Timoney, Camilla; H. H. Peters, S. Magar, Tournet, N. D.; D. A. Latimer, R. Rue, Duane; A. Burtt, G. Close, Sturgeon, G. L. Tamm, Lake; R. McDonald, A. McDonald, Ray.

Victoria—C. Lenore, Morinville; L. Lapin, St. Albert.

Wednesday.

—Queen's—John Reid, Egg lake; Miss L. Moret, Miss N. Moret, Fort Saskatchewan; J. Shillito, F. Great, town; M. Lamont, New Lunnan; J. L. McNaull, C. Villeneuve, P. Silars, J. Dupuis, C. Pelletier, T. Tellier, H. Tessier, A. A. Morris, Morinville; W. E. Gilmore, W. Donovan, S. Brown, Riverine Qs Barre; W. P. Beauvais, Lac Ste Anne.

Alberta—F. Lee, Ponoka; F. W. McCreary, T. Brand, Wimipeg; Miss Moret, G. L. Tamm, Lethbridge; M. McDonald, C. H. Hubbard, M. McConachie, Mr. Constantine, Mr. G. L. Tamm, Morinville; J. McDonald, A. McDonald, D. Savard, C. Gagné, J. Cousineau, St. Albert; D. McDonald, A. McDonald, D. Savard, C. Gagné, J. Cousineau, St. Albert; F. Reed, T. Lavioie, town; J. F. McRae, Riviere Qui Barre.

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Friday.

—Alfred Von Hammer, Miss S. Mayer, A. McDonald, J. Donoghue, W. Allen, M. Duechane, town; J. A. Shulsky, Codger, Ont.; M. McGeary, P. Miller, Stony Plain; B. W. Micewicz, S. Sanderson, Geo. Rosalie, Calgarie; Miss Buchanan, Wetaskiwin; J. O. McLean, W. Glens, W. Donovan, W. E. Gilmore, Ray.

Victoria—J. Beaudry, A. Roy, A. Guinette, J. Guinette, T. Gourde, W. E. Brisson, C. H. Brisson, G. F. Brisson, M. McDonald, Mr. McGeary, J. Haysten, D. McDonald, L. Morrison, Spruce Grove; R. Varin, Z. Lapierre, L. Gagné, J. Cousineau, St. Albert; D. McDonald, A. McDonald, D. Savard, C. Gagné, J. Cousineau, St. Albert; F. Reed, T. Lavioie, town; J. F. McRae, Riviere Qui Barre.

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SUPREME COURT

The Montgomery case was settled on Wednesday, the jury bringing in a verdict of "not guilty."

The list of witnesses called by the prosecution on Monday is a long one and included A. E. Pattison, Constable Dean, Mayor MacKenzie, E. Engstrom, T. Muirhead, W. Muirhead, G. Robinson, N. B. Peck, G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, W. J. Richardson, W. A. Richardson, W. R. Howey, A. Fraser, Dr. Whitelaw, J. Harper, R. McIntyre, H. H. Cooper, John Ross, G. J. Kinnaird, Geo. Bragg, James Ross, A. G. Harrison, A. W. Birch, Montreal, F. W. Pace, Winnipeg, W. H. Cooper, John Ross, G. W. R. Almon and A. G. Harrison appeared in connection with the insurance companies having policies on the stock.

The defence called as witness Messrs. A. F. McLeod, C. Champlaine and Mrs. Montgomery.

The evidence was all in when court adjourned on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday after the counsel for the defence and prosecution had summed up the case his honor charged the jury and the jury retired about 4:30. The jury reported disagreement about 6:45 and were again sent back to re-consider the matter. The verdict of "not guilty" was brought in about 9:30.

Mr. C. deW. Macdonald conducted the prosecution, Messrs. J. C. F. Brown and C. W. Cross defending.

On Thursday T. P. Fraser plead guilty to the charge of resisting arrest and appeared for sentence this morning. He was dismissed on suspended sentence.

Three Indians from Ermine Skins reserve appeared this morning, charged with killing a steer belonging to another Indian.

ATHABASCA LANDING

Several cases of measles have occurred here. The patients are all in a fair way to recovery and no serious epidemic is anticipated.

The treaty commissioners have left the lake for Lake Wabasca travelling with flat sleighs.

The Athabasca Landing Dramatic Society gave a smoking concert in Gordon's Hotel in honor of Misses Conroy, Bishop and Round of the treaty commission. A large number of guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The river is now solid and the freighters from the north are expected in any time.

—Chas. Anderson arrived yesterday from Lesser Slave lake. He reports the roads bad for travel, the Athabasca river being open on the trip down. J. Corrall came as far as the Landing. John Fraser is expected in a few days. F. Bredin will be in some time in January.

DEATHES.

Hannon.—At Edmonton on Thursday, Dec. 19th, Miss Olive Jean Hannon, aged 33 years.

The funeral takes place at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) from the residence of Mr. John Kelly, brother-in-law of the deceased, to the Presbyterian church where service will be held, thence to the Edmonton cemetery.

LOCAL MARKETS

Potatoes, 40c per bushel. Small deliveries.

Beef, 21-2c live, 5c dressed.

Pork, live, 41-2c, 8 to 9c dressed.

Mutton, live, 12c dressed.

Geese, 9c to 11c, dressed.

Chickens, 5c to 10c, dressed.

Rabbits are on the market in fair quantities at 10c each.

Butter, 25c.

Eggs, 25c.

Wheat is coming in in considerable quantities though less freely than earlier in the season. The price ranges from 40 to 60c.

Oats, dealer quote 26 as high this morning. Feed brings up to 20c.

STRATHCONA CARNIVAL

The second carnival of the season was given off the Strathcona rink last night. A large crowd turned out and a very enjoyable time was spent. Below is a list of those attending in costume:

Ed. Sharpley, Paul Kruger.

A. Adam, A. Nigger Woman.

Harold Ewer, Standard Gran Sugar.

W. Lonsberry, A. Galician Woman.

W. Mills, A. Clown.

Ed. Howard, A. Galician Girl.

Roy Kelly, A. Flour Sack.

Irwin Pomeroy, a Cook.

W. Sullivan, H. M. S. Royal.

Hervey Lynn, a Clown.

O. C. Pederson, Mrs. O. C. Pederson.

A Merry Xmas.

Lloyd Kitchen, a Lost Irishman.

Pete Hawk, a Beggar.

Henry McKenna, a Galician Boy.

I. P. Chapman, a Tramp.

Frank Kent, a Soldier.

Fred Kent, an Indian.

Duncan Durrand, a Turk.

Henry Shields, a Soldier.

W. Essery, a Nigger Tramp.

A. Kent, Private Canadian M. R.

John McNeil, Nigger.

H. Hubert, a Negress.

W. Sache, Habitant.

R. Davison, an Indian Chief.

J. Davison, a Chimney Sweep.

Gertie Lynn, American Girl.

Ida Lynn, a Fairy.

Emma Lendrum, American Maiden.

Miss B. Jones, Harvest Home.

Lulu Hubert, Uncle Sam's daughter.

Miss Buhner, Red Cross Nurse.

Miss Durand, a Highland Girl.

Miss Dickson, The Little Soldier or Cigarette.

Miss Eleanor Cameron, a Flower Girl.

Miss Lizzie Grunwald, Red, White, Blue Flower Girl.

Miss Emma McKeown, a Radish.

Miss M. Thompson, Britannia.

Miss McDonnell, Flora, McDonald.

Miss F. Smith, a Witch.

Miss Flossie Jennings, Winter.

Miss Nellie Shulstad, Pocahontas.

Miss Matilda, a Lady Clown.

Miss Nellie Barnstrom, Winter.

Mrs. A. Davies, The Order of the Path.

The prize winners were:

Ladies best costume; Miss Neddie Shulstad, as Pocahontas.

Gents' best costume; Mr. O. C. Pederson, as a Merry Christmas.

Girls' best costume; Miss Gertrude Lynn, an American Girl.

Boys' best costume; Willie Mills as a Clown.

Best comic costume; Mr. Percy Chapman, as Weasle Willie.

Midnight mass will be celebrated in St. Josaphat's church at 12 o'clock on the night of Tuesday, Dec. 24th.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Lebel in French, English and Creole. Special music will be provided by the choir and hymns will be rendered in French, English, Cree and Polish.

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